

In the Claims:

(1) 1. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;
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- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension;
- b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
- c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
- d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material; and
- e. at least one hinge which is attached to said stile.

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2. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising:
 - a. a first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having a perimeter dimension;
 - b. a second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride;
 - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;
 - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge of said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge of said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride; and

e. at least one hinge which is attached to said at least one stile.

1) 3. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 1, wherein said stile is linear.

✗ 4. (previously amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein said stile is linear.

✓ 5. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 1, wherein said first plane of material is attached to said core by an adhesive material that is applied to said core comprising polycarbonate and wherein said adhesive material and at least one stile hold said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material.

✗ 6. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is attached to said core by an adhesive material that is applied to said core comprising polycarbonate, and wherein said adhesive material and at least one stile hold said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material.

✓ 7. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 1, wherein
said first plane of material is not of uniform thickness.

✗ 8. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 2, wherein
said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.

✗ 9. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 3, wherein
said first plane of material is not of uniform thickness.

✗ 10. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 4, wherein
said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.

✗ 11. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 5, wherein
said first plane of material is not of uniform thickness.

✗ 12. (original) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 6, wherein
said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness.

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13. (currently amended) A window covering, comprising;

- a) a first plane of material;
- b) a second plane of material;
- c) a center core comprising polycarbonate, wherein said center core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, and
- d) at least one stile that is positioned over an exterior portion of said first plane of material and said at least one stile is positioned over an exterior portion of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form a sandwich.

14. (previously canceled)

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15. (previously added) A window covering as described in Claim 13 wherein each of said first plane of material and said second plane of material contact said center core.

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16. (previously added) A window covering as described in Claim 13, wherein said first plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride.

~~X~~ 17. (previously added) A window covering as described in Claim 16, wherein
said second plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride.

¹⁰³ 18. (currently amended) A window covering as described in Claim 15, wherein
said first plane of material is present on an exterior of the window
covering, and wherein said core is behind said first plane of material and
in front of said second plane of a material.

¹⁰³ 19. (previously added) A window covering as described in Claim 16, wherein
said first plane of material is present on an exterior of the window
covering.

20. (newly added) A window covering as described in Claim 7, wherein said
first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said
core is exposed through said void.

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21. (newly added) A window covering as described in Claim 8, wherein said
first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said
core is exposed through said void. *re number*